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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of managing chargeable parking of vehicles, of the type using a plurality of vehicle immobilizing devices [(1)] to immobilize defaulting vehicles, wherein a release code [(8)] is delivered to the user after payment of the corresponding fine, [characterized in that it comprises] said method comprising the following steps:

a) providing at least one parking terminal [(2)] equipped with payment means [(3),];

b) providing a server [(4)] comprising a database [(6)] connected to the parking terminal [(4)] and containing a list of pairs of data items each formed of an identifier [(7)] assigned to an immobilizing device and an associated release code [(8),];

c) in the event of a release request from a user [(0)], entering the identifier [(7)] of said immobilizing device [(1)] at said parking terminal [(2),];

d) at the parking terminal [(2)], setting up a session for payment of the amount corresponding to releasing the vehicle immobilizing device by means of the payment means [(3)], and communicating the identifier [(3)] entered in this way to the server [(4)] after validation of the payment session[,];

e) at the server [(4)], receiving the identifier [(7)] entered in this way and in response delivering the associated release code [(8)] to the terminal[,] ; and

f) at the terminal [(2)], receiving the release code [(8)] delivered in this way to supply

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it to the user [(0)].

2. (currently amended) Installation for managing chargeable parking of vehicles, of

the type comprising a plurality of vehicle immobilizing devices [(1)] for immobilizing vehicles

defaulting, and wherein a release code [(8)] is delivered to the user [(0)] after payment of an

amount corresponding to releasing the vehicle immobilizing device, [characterized in that it

further comprises] said installation comprising:

- a parking terminal [(2) comprising] having payment means [(3)], and

- a server [(4) comprising] having a database [(6)] connected to the parking terminal

and containing a list of pairs of data items each formed of an identifier [(7)] assigned to an

immobilizing device [(1)] and an associated release code [(8)], and in that in the event of a

release request from a user, the parking terminal [(2)] is adapted to set up a session for payment

of the amount corresponding to releasing the vehicle immobilizing device by means of said

payment means [(3)] and to communicate to the server [(4)] the identifier of the immobilizing

device to be released after validation of the payment session, while the server [(4)] is adapted to

receive the identifier [(7)] entered in this way and to deliver in response thereto the associated

release code [(8)] to the terminal, in order to release the immobilizing device concerned.

3. (currently amended) Parking terminal belonging to the installation according to

claim 1, [characterized in that it comprises] further comprising payment means [(3)] adapted to

process payment means from the group comprising coins, a bank card, an electronic wallet or the

like, a mobile telephone.

4. (currently amended) Terminal according to claim 3, [characterized in that it comprises] <u>further comprising a</u> means for entering an identifier from the group comprising a keypad and/or a screen, a bar code reader, a ticket reader of the contact or contactless type, a transceiver adapted to set up a call to a mobile telephone or the like.

5. (currently amended) Terminal according to claim 3 [or claim 4], [characterized in that it comprises] <u>further comprising a</u> means adapted to deliver the release code [(8)] on a printed receipt or stored on a ticket of the contact or contactless type that the immobilizing device [(1)] concerned is able to read.